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most the crowning infamy of the Chicago convention. From a Republican point of view the Journal regards the administration as a dismal failure, but no President ever deserved better of his party than Mr. Cleveland does. Considering the character of the convention he ought to regard its action as a degradation of honor.

THE CONSPIRACY TO INSULT.

An intelligent observer need not have been inside the convention building in Chicago the past two days to see that it is the purpose of the leaders of the silver faction to force the delegates of the Eastern States to bolt. The rejection of Mr. Hill for temporary chairman was the first indignity. This was followed by the outrageous action in reference to the Michigan delegation. The platform was designed for that purpose, while the speech of Bryan was an assault upon the manufacturing States, containing every possible insult, but making him the hero of the hour with the wild fanatics. To make the breach an impassable gulf, the resolution endorsing the general conduct of the Cleveland administration was voted down with emphasis.

Why do the Altgelds, the Tillmans, the Bryans and even the Senators—Jones of Arkansas, Vest of Missouri, Daniel of Virginia and Turpie of Indiana—desire to force the Eastern and gold Democrats to bolt? Simply because they have persuaded themselves that they can make a stronger sectional fight without them. They are counting on carrying all the Southern States except Delaware and Maryland, and all of the States west of the Mississippi river, including Iowa and Minnesota. They think that by arraying the South and West against the East they can carry Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, which they must have to carry out their scheme. They imagine that these three great central States, full of varied industries and an agriculture depending upon them and the markets of the Eastern States, can be drawn into the sectional conspiracy of the solid South and the mining-camp States to defraud what they are pleased to regard as the creditor States. The central idea of Bryan's speech is that the interests of the West and the East are antagonistic. Sensible men know better. When the East is prosperous the West shares it. When there is the largest demand for the products of the West, the East, its best customer, is alive with the hum of industry. Illinois, Indiana and Ohio are in a position where they receive the benefits of the prosperity of both, as, for that matter, is all the rest of the country.

And when the Chicago managers recover from their delirium, before "the frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder's in the shock," these conspirators against nationality will have learned that Indiana, Illinois and Ohio will be arrayed against the sectionalism of hate.

A COLLECTION OF FINANCIAL MONSTROSITIES.

No platform was ever put forth by any political party in the United States that contained as much vicious doctrine and as many false statements of fact and history as the one promulgated at Chicago. That part of the platform which relates to the money question is a collection of financial monstrosities from beginning to end. It begins by saying:

"The federal Constitution names silver and gold together as the money metals of the United States, and that the first coinage law passed by Congress under the Constitution made the silver dollar the monetary unit of the United States, and that the silver dollar is a unit based upon the silver-dollar unit."

"The Constitution does not name gold and silver as the money of the United States. It says: 'Congress shall have power to coin money and regulate the value thereof.' The power to coin money implies the power to suspend coinage, and the power to regulate the value of money carries with it power to fix and change the ratio according to the commercial value of the material of which the money is made. Neither is it true that the first coinage law passed by Congress made the silver dollar the monetary unit. It made 'the dollar' the unit and provided for the coinage of multiples of the unit in gold and silver coins the values of which were fixed according to the commercial value of the two metals at that time. The attempt to press the Constitution and the original coinage law into the service of the free coinage of silver is an artificial and dishonest ratio with gold is an impudent fraud."

The next declaration is: "The act of 1873, demonetizing silver, without the knowledge or approval of the American people, has resulted in the depreciation of gold to a corresponding fall in the prices of commodities produced by it. How would this declaration have sounded between 1890 and 1892, when wheat was as high as \$1.42 and never below 90 cents; or in 1891, when it touched \$2; or from 1893 to 1894, inclusive, when it was above \$1; or in any year during the good times of Harrison's administration? Silver was demonetized then as much as it is now, only there was not nearly as much coined. The so-called demonetization of silver occurred twenty-three years ago, since when the prices of commodities produced by the people have been as high as they ever were before, and do not show a steady decline. The assertion that gold has steadily appreciated in value is pure assumption, and not susceptible of proof."

The platform goes on: "We are unalterably opposed to the monometallism which has locked fast the prosperity of an industrial people in the paralyzing grip of a British policy and its adoption has brought other nations into financial servitude to London."

No person is asking for gold monometallism. It does not exist in this country, nor in any other. It is not a British policy, England has had the single gold standard for eighty years, but she has always carried a large amount of silver subsidiary currency. At present she has \$100,000,000 of silver in circulation, all of it legal tender to the amount of \$10. Germany, France and all other gold-standard countries carry large stocks of silver currency, though they have stopped coining gold. Gold monometallism does not exist anywhere. The only monometallism in the world is silver monometallism. This exists in all single silver-standard countries, and would in the United States under free silver coinage. The advocates of this policy are the only monometallists in the United States. The resolution which demands the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 also demands "such legislation as will prevent for the future the demonetization of any kind of legal-tender money by private contract." The Journal has already commented on this feature of the platform. The Populists, in their wild moments, never made as monstrous a demand as this. It is, in effect, that silver at the rate of 16 cents to the dollar shall be made the standard of value and the only legal tender, and that the making of private contracts payable in gold shall be a penal offense. The plat-

form should have gone one step further and demanded legislation making it a penal offense to receive interest on money loaned.

Another declaration is as follows: "Congress alone has the power to coin and issue money, and President Jackson decreed that the free coinage of gold was granted to corporations or individuals. We, therefore, demand that the power to issue money be taken from the hands of the national banks, and that all paper money shall be issued directly by the Treasury Department, for redemption in coin and receivable for all debts, public and private."

The Constitution gives Congress power to coin money, but not to issue notes, except by remote implication. The framers of the Constitution expressly refused to give Congress this power. It has only been exercised as a war power, and is of doubtful constitutionality. Its uncontrolled exercise by Congress in time of peace would be fatal to a sound currency and a standing menace to national credit. With free silver coinage the present volume of greenbacks would at once depreciate to the bullion value of silver, and with an unlimited power of inflation in the hands of Congress they would continue to depreciate indefinitely. These are only a few of the financial monstrosities in this extraordinary platform.

Men of both parties who have returned from Chicago say that the intensity and bitterness of feeling expressed by the followers of the Altgeld party about the lobbies of the hotels is something alarming to contemplate. Men who expressed a desire to go to New York and loot the banks in Wall street were cheered by listeners, and yet the larger part of the money in the vaults of banks and other moneyed institutions belongs to hundreds of thousands of small depositors. It is this reckless and wicked spirit which has dominated the convention. Free silver and 16 to 1 is simply the cry of men who are inflamed by the spirit of the French Commune.

Much credit is due the leaders of the sound-money forces at Chicago—Senators Hill, Vilas, ex-Governors Russell, Flower, ex-Secretary Whitney and others for the courageous and skillful fight they made for the maintenance of credit and sound money in the convention. In that connection, the Indiana business men of the Democratic party, particularly from this city, have contributed not a little to show to the country that they stand firm for a sound currency. Their character and influence has nullified the influence of the cheap-money "push" which went to Chicago from Indiana.

The extraordinary decline of Mr. Cleveland's popularity in the short space of four years has scarcely a parallel in history. It may be said the howling mob at Chicago did not represent the Democratic party, but it must be remembered it was a delegate convention, and its members came up in the regular way.

BUBBLES IN THE AIR.

Modern Congress. "Money to burn," said one who knew him of whom they spoke. "Beyond that, he has money to buy."

The Old Adage. "Wright—Do you know I have a theory that married men are usually better poker players than single ones?"

Reed—There is nothing new in that. It has been held for ages that the man who is unlucky in love is lucky at cards.

Crushing Him. "I have noticed," said the young man whose forehead is the site of retrogressive order, "that when a woman laughs, she distinctly says, 'he, he, he.'"

"That is much better," said the youngish woman, looking at him with a "you're-it" expression, "than 'he, he, he.'"

Another Business Ruined. After the able-bodied citizen had downed the burglar, he said: "If you will let me what drove you to this business, I will let you up and let you go."

"Bicycles," said the conquered one, sullenly.

"In what way? Were you a horseman?"

"Now, I used to have one of the best 'feller' routes in the city, but how is a feller going to have any chance to beg from a lot of what's whizzing by at fifty mile an hour?"

McKINLEY'S OLD REGIMENT.

Survivors at Cleveland Will Call on Comrade McKinley Shortly.

CANTON, O., July 9.—It was so cool in Canton to-day that there were fires in the grates at the McKinley home. Major McKinley was there and followed the work of the Chicago convention. He was probably as much interested in the speech of Senator Hill as in the speech of the day. James H. Fayer, president of the day, Ward Forker Club, of Cleveland, and Robert Boys, of the same city, arrived here to-day. They came to arrange for the visit of the club to this city Saturday afternoon. Major McKinley, who has known him all through the war, he said he would come with the survivors of the Twenty-third O. V. I. McKinley's old regiment, expected to come to this city Saturday afternoon. As the survivors of the regiment residing in Cuyahoga county, and he believes there are several hundred men left, in convention, enthusiastically endorse the St. Louis platform and endorse Pettigrew's action."

Another chapter to-day was Capt. C. S. Boring would not have been in the convention. Captain Roberts mustered Mr. McKinley into the service at the beginning of the war. He has always been a close friend of the Major.

STOLE \$250,000.

Nephew of President of Colombia Assassinated in a Daring Robbery.

NEW YORK, July 9.—Advices from Savanilla, United States of Colombia, tell of a large robbery that was perpetrated at Barranquilla by two young men of high social position, and one of the highest officials in authority in the republic. The amount stolen was \$250,000 in national bank bills that was in course of shipment to the United States. The principal ports of the republic, through the mail, and was being held at the postoffice when the robbery was committed. The robbery was accomplished by breaking into the postoffice at night, the young men securing the money by the aid of a deaf being discovered, an inquiry was set on foot, and upon search being made a large part of the stolen money was found in the possession of the two young men, in accounts of the young men's efforts were made to keep the affair hushed up, no social position, and the nephew of one of the young men is related. The resolution which demands the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 also demands "such legislation as will prevent for the future the demonetization of any kind of legal-tender money by private contract." The Journal has already commented on this feature of the platform. The Populists, in their wild moments, never made as monstrous a demand as this. It is, in effect, that silver at the rate of 16 cents to the dollar shall be made the standard of value and the only legal tender, and that the making of private contracts payable in gold shall be a penal offense. The plat-

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THE MOB'S PLATFORM ADOPTED

AT CHICAGO YESTERDAY.

And a 16-to-1 Populistic, Anarchistic, Silveristic Calamity-Breeding Bill Forced Down Their Throats.

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NAYS WERE 301 AND YEAS 628, OVER A TWO-THIRDS VOTE.

Senator Hill's Minority Report from the Resolutions Committee Rejected by a Vote of 626 to 303.

CLEVELAND NOT COMMENDED

"I AM A DEMOCRAT" PLANK VOTED DOWN, 564 TO 357.

Tillman's "Pitchfork" Resolution Withdrawn, the Senator Being Satisfied with Hill's Defeat.

FLOW OF FERVID ORATORY

SCENES ENACTED IN THE HALL THAT BORDERED ON RIOTOUS.

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air. A dozen delegates rushed upon the stage and shouldered the half-dazed orator and bore him in triumph down the aisle. Loud and cheerful shouts of approval greeted the volume of sound broke like a giant wave and fell only to rise and break again. For almost twenty minutes this maddest tumult continued, while the orator, with the standard of his party in the incandescent light of the spotlights, was stupefied. If the ballot for the nomination had been taken then it would have been a stampede.

When it was all over the votes were taken. The platform offered by Senator Hill, which was defeated, 628 to 301; then, on the resolution offered by the administration, which was defeated, 628 to 301. Senator Tillman, after the rejection of the resolution to inquire into the administration, which was defeated, 628 to 301. The administration stands condemned by that vote as its punishment. A brave man never strikes a fallen foe."

THE PROCEEDINGS.

OPENING INCIDENTS.

Arrival of Delegates—Reverend Thomas E. Green's Invocation.

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